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Letter dated 26 January 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President of the Security Council, I am forwarding to you a letter dated 11 January 2010, from the Chairman of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), based on the Working Group's conclusions adopted on 18 December 2009 (S/AC.51/2009/5) (see annex).

(Signed) Zhang Yesui
President of the Security Council

Annex to the letter dated 26 January 2010 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

Letter dated 11 January 2010 from the Chairman of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict addressed to the Secretary-General

On 24 February 2009, the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict established by Security Council resolution 1612 (2005), examined the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict in the Sudan (S/2009/84). Following its meeting held on 18 December 2009, the Working Group adopted its conclusions on the parties to the armed conflict in the Sudan (S/AC.51/2009/5).

As a follow-up to the recommendations of the Working Group, approved by the Security Council, and subject to and consistent with applicable international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), I am entrusted, in my capacity as the Chairman of the Working Group, to:

(a) Welcome your Excellency's recommendation to the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, the United Nations Mission in the Sudan and the United Nations Children's Fund (United Nations Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting) to facilitate the preparation and implementation of action plans, including by entering into dialogue whenever possible with all parties to the conflict, in accordance with Security Council resolutions 1539 (2004), 1612 (2005) and 1882 (2009), and follow up and report on this aspect as well as on specific commitments to address other grave violations and abuses as reported by your Excellency;

(b) Invite your Excellency to continue strengthening the Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting and to liaise, as appropriate, with relevant national institutions, non-governmental organizations and civil society networks to ensure effective collaboration of child protection activities;

(c) Invite your Excellency to facilitate, given the regional dimension of the crisis involving the Central African Republic, Chad and the Sudan, and the other grave implications for children, better information exchange and closer cooperation between respective United Nations country teams and peacekeeping missions on child protection issues;

(d) Also invite your Excellency to promote dialogue among relevant stakeholders' organizations aiming at enhancing child protection and prevention of child recruitment in the region including cross-border issues;

(e) Request your Excellency to ask your Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, based on her follow-up visit to the Sudan, to assess the situation for children, to facilitate dialogue with the parties to the conflict, to continue with the usual practice of holding consultations with the concerned Government during the process of preparing reports and to assess progress in the implementation of the pertinent recommendations of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict and the implementation of its recommendations.

(Signed) Claude Heller
Chairman of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict